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In Re Application of:

BARNETT et al.

Serial No.: 09/610,313

Art Unit: 1633

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Examiner: B. Whiteman

Title: POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C  
POLYPEPTIDE, POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2001 (Paper No. 9). Submitted herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due on or before March 21, 2002.